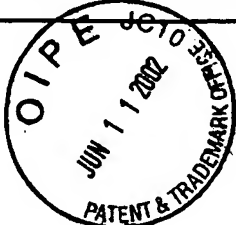


**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Docket Number (Optional)  
 014939-001600US



In re Application of HUNTER-CEVERA et al.

Application Number 10/067,613

Filed February 4, 2002

For SPECIES SPECIFIC IDENTIFICATION OF SPORE-PRODUCING MICROBES USING THE GENE SEQUENCE OF SMALL ACID SOLUBLE SPORE COAT PROTEINS FOR AMPLIFICATION BASED DIAGNOSTICS

Group Art Unit  
 1645

Examiner  
 Not yet assigned

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

- ☒ One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))  
☐ Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))  
☐ Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))  
☐ Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))  
☐ Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))

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- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ 55 .  
☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.  
☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.  
☐ The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.  
☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 20-1430.  
 I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

I am the ☐ applicant/inventor.

☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71

Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

attorney or agent of record.

☒ attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).

Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a). 31,677 .

**WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.**

June 6, 2002

Date

Signature

Kenneth A. Weber, Reg. No. 31,677

Typed or printed name

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below\*.

☐ \*Total of \_\_\_\_\_ forms are submitted.

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